resolution of Inter-State aspects. Since this Project involves Inter-State aspects, it is not feasible to indicate any time frame for clearance of this Project by the CEA.

Submission of Reports by the **High Power Committee**

1. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *to* state :

(a) how many interim and other reports were submitted to Government by the High Power Committee set up to look into the interests of the employees of those units where Central pattern of dearness allowance existed;

(b) what is the total number of recommendations made in all these reports and which of them have been accepted, implemented, and not accepted by Government;

(c) when was the consideration of the third Interim Report completed; and

(d) what is Government's response to its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The High Power Pay Committee submitted three interim reports i.e. in March, 1987, December, 87 and July/August, 1988 and their final report to the Government on 24-11-1988. In the first interim report submitted in March, 1987, the Committee recommended payment of two instalments of interm relief at Central Government rates effective from 1-1-1986 for employees drawing a basic pay in excess of Rs. 1000/- p.m. and release of instalments of ADAs/ Ad-hoc DAs at third CPC rates of dearness allowance. In the second interim report, the Committee recommended payment of additional instalment of I.R. @.10% of basic pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 50/-. the Committee also recommended ehancement of ceiling for payment of H.R.A. without production of rent receipt. Ceilings on payment of CCA were also enhanced. These enhanced ceilings were made effective from 1-4-87. The recommendations made in the second report were effective from 1-12-1987. The third report recommended payment of HRA on slab basis related to the basic pay ranges and were made effective from 1-1-1988. Orders were issued on the third interim report on 10-8-88. The recommendations made in the three interim reports were accepted by the Government. In the final report, the HPPC has recommended that the employees working in public enterpiises under the Central Govt. DA pattern should be allowed the Fourth Pay Commission Centiai Govt. DA Pattern. The scales of pay lecommended by the Committee are comparable to the scales of pay recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission lor Govt servants. The Committee has also recommended rationalisation of certain perquisites like leave encashment, LTC etc. the recommendations made by the HPPC in their final report are under considerstion of the Government.

Contract for Kawas Power Project

2. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that French consortium led by Alsthom was re-invited for quotation and won the contract for Kawas Power Project; if so, what were the original and requoted amounts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to delay in this process there

has been a loss of about Rs. 120 crores by increase in the re-quoted price; about Rs. 50 crores because of variation in the exchange rate; and about Rs. 400 crores in terms of loss of revenue; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to avoid these losses

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) All the parties (including M/s. Alsthom, France) who had purchased the bid documents when the tenders were first floated, were intimated to re-bid for the Kawas project. No decision has been taken so far in respect of award of the contract.

Prices of Combitlame

3. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of combiflame at which it is being marketed at present and since when this is being marked at this price;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the price of this product under DPCO, 1979;

(c) if so, when and what price was fixed;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the price was re-fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(e) if so, when and what price was fixed;

(f) whether it is a fact that the company neither implemented the price fixed under DPCO, 1979 nor under DPCO, 1987 and overcharged the poor people;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received complaints in this regard; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) as per Indian Pharmaceutical Guide, 1988, price charged for 10's Strip of Combiflam Tablets by M/s. Roussel Pharmaceuticals (India) Ltd., was Rs. 12.19.

(b) and (c) A price of Rs. 7.68 was fixed under DPCO, 1979 for this formulation pack on 5-11-1986.

(d) and (e) A revised price of Rs. 4.90 was *sou-moto* fixed by the Govt, for this pack as Category-I formulation under DPCO, 1987 on 2-12-1988.

(f) to (h) In reply to a show cause notice issued by the Govt., the Manufacturer company M/s. Carews Pharmaceutical Ltd. has claimed that being an SSI unit, they are exempted from price control on their Category-Il formulations. With the shifting of Paracetamol from Schedule I of DPCO, 1987 to Schedule II, w.e.f. 18-1-1989, Combiflam now falls under Category-II. The matter is being further examined.

Prices of Troxyvon and Butaproxyvon

4. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of **INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Proxyvon and Butaproxyvon are still being overcharged by the drug company;

(b) when and what were the prices of these products fixed for the first time under DPCO 1979 and what were the prices fixed under **DPCO 1987;**